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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S ACCUSTIONS AGAINST UNITED STATES

1. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO TOLD NEWSMEN IN LAHORE ON MAY 8 THAT BEFORE HE MADE HIS APRIL 28 SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT ACCUSING THE USG OF CONSPIRING AGAINST HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT, HE HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF VARIOUS USG REACTIONS. HE RECALLED THAT ON APRIL 18 HE MET WITH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL TIME AND TOLD HIM ABOUT OBJECTIONABLE ACTS, GIVING THE AMBASSADOR SPECIFIC INSTANCES. BHUTTO CLAIMED HE HAD NO OBLIGATION TO GIVE THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SPECIFIC INSTANCES AND TO REVEAL TO HIM THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION, BUT DID SO IN UNCLASSIFIED

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GOOD FAITH. THEN, BETWEEN APRIL 18 AND 28, THE PM BEGAN TO " SIZE UP EVERYTHING, CONSIDER PROS AND CONS, WHAT MAY BE DONE, WHAT MIGHT BE THE REACTION, WHERE THE PRESSURE MIGHT BE APPLIED, WHERE THE PRESSURE MIGHT BE SUCCESSFUL AND WHERE THE PRESSURE MIGHT NOT BE SUCCESSFUL." HE CLAIMED HE TOOK " ALL OF THESE THINGS INTO ACCOUNT" BEFORE HE ADDRESSED THE PARLIAMENT.

2. BHUTTO TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN EMBARGO BEING APPLIED AGAINST PAKISTAN DEPENDS ON THE DEVELOPING SITUATION AND ADDED. "WE'VE HAD AN EMBARGO FROM 1965 TO 1973. WE CONTINUED TO LIVE AND WE CONTINUE TO SURVIVE AND MANAGE OUR AFFAIRS." HE NOTED THAT PAKISTAN IS NO LONGER DEFICIT IN WHEAT: " BY THE GRACE OF GOD, NOW WE ARE SELF-SUFFICIENT, OR VIRTUALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT, IN WHEAT, DEPENDING ON THIS YEAR'S CROP. NEXT YEAR, PAKISTAN MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO BE SURPLUS IN WHEAT." HE ADDED THAT PAKISTAN HAS " SUFFICIENT COTTON AND CLOTH IN THE COUNTRY AND WE HAVE SUFFICIENT FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR THE PEOPLE."

3. THE PM CONFIDENTLY STATED THAT FRATERNAL, FRIENDLY MUSLIM COUNTRIES WOULD " RISE TO OUR SITUATION AND TO OUR NEEDS, IF SUCH NEEDS AROSE." " GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES." HE REMARKED.

4. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO DISCLOSED THAT HE HAS SENT A REPLY TO SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S LETTER. HE AVOIDED ANSWERING A QUESTION ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH HIS APRIL 28 SPEECH HAS STEMMED THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY BY STATING THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO SAY MORE THAN HE DID IN HIS REPLY TO SECRETARY VANCE, BECAUSE THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD ASKED FOR QUIET AND DISPASSIONATE TALKS, TO WHICH THE PM AGREES.

5. COMMENTING ON WESTERN MEDIA REACTION TO THE ACCUSATION OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, UNCLASSIFIED

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BHUTTO STATED THAT IT WAS THE WESTERN MEDIA WHO WERE COMMENTING, NOT HIM. " YOU CANNOT ARREST THE DYNAMIC POLITICAL MOMENTUM. THAT'S A DIFFERENT MATTER. IT IS NOT LIKE SWITCHING ON AND OFF A LIGHT." IN WHAT SEEMED TO BE A REFERENCE TO INTERNAL PAKISTANI REACTION TO HIS DISCLOSURES IN PARLIAMENT, HE ADDED THAT WHEN THOSE " FORCES OF DYNAMIC POLITICAL FORCES (SIC) GET RELEASED YOU CAN'T IMMEDIATELY CONTROL AND CONTAIN THEM." HE REMARKED THAT THIS PROCESS SHOULD BE UNDERSTANDABLE IN A FREE AND OPEN SOCIETY. CONSTABLE

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